

Notes of a Naturalist

By Don Admiral

Desert View, Grand Canyon National Park—From Bright Angel Point on the North Rim, to the Village of Grand Canyon on the South Rim is about eleven miles air line, but by the nearest road it is two hundred and fifteen miles. In other words one must go around the eastern end of Grand Canyon to cross the recently constructed Navajo bridge over the Colorado River. For many years the only way to cross the Colorado River in that vicinity was by historic Lee's ferry. So a person takes a long last look over the eleven mile space toward his destination, then packs up to travel the two hundred and fifteen miles. Of that two hundred and fifteen miles, one hundred and fifty-seven are gravel but not bad if driven conservatively.

It is necessary to double back to Jacobs Lake to the main highway which follows a long gentle grade down to Navajo Bridge. Beautiful Kaibab Forest is left behind, the pinon and juniper forest is left behind, the chaparral belt is passed quickly and the road leads across desert country into Rockhouse Valley. We kept a sharp lookout for there is a herd of buffalo which may be seen from the road. We were lucky for far out in the valley we passed the herd which was near enough to make out the characteristic shape of the animals.

At Navajo bridge the gorge is narrow but deep; the bridge is four hundred and sixty-seven feet above the Colorado river. How easily we rolled across it, a much easier trip than in the good old days when travelers had to cross in a ferry boat at Lee's Ferry. As we left the bridge we came onto the Navajo Indian Reservation of the some sixteen million acres, the largest reservation in the United States. Fortunately for the Navajo tribe none of the land seems to be valuable or close to a growing city so the Navajo people are not bothered with a real estate problem.

The Navajo tribe is nomadic, following their bands of sheep about the reservation and living a carefree life. They run their own affairs and live according to their own standards rather than the white man's standard. You may be wondering what the result has been. In the early 1860's the Navajos were rounded up and put on the reservation. At that time there were about eight thousand persons; today the population is about fifty thousand. In trying to explain this several theories are advanced; the first is that the tribe is not in close contact with the white man; the second is that sanitation is not too serious a problem because they simply move on when their hogan becomes too filthy; the third is that a hogan in which a person dies is destroyed. It may be well to explain that a hogan is a Navajo house, a small more or less circular, dome-shaped hut of logs and mud with a single opening, the door, facing east.

From Navajo bridge to the South Rim the road is located on the Navajo Indian Reservation. It is fenced all the way and here and there may be seen a Navajo shepherd and his flock with his hogan by the fence. Some of the families are in summer camps, temporary affairs of brush and canvas. Near some of the camps is the weaving loom with a partially completed rug on it and about the camp are some of the completed rugs, seemingly out of place in such surroundings but more strangely the product of such surroundings. But the surroundings are not unlively for there is the Painted Desert, an inspiration to the white man artist, so why not for the Navajo rug weaver. Then there are all the legends handed down from generation to generation by word of mouth; the white man will never quite understand the meaning though he puts up a good bluff at understanding but I

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Youth Killed in Airplane Crash

Death rode with Charles Graham of 1109 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, late Tuesday afternoon as the airplane Graham was piloting over Palm Springs took a power dive to the ground. Graham, 18, was fatally injured and died shortly after the accident. His body was removed to the Wiefels mortuary at Banning. The crash occurred 500 feet from the Palm Springs airport.

Graham was the son of Charles Graham, Sr., wealthy real estate operator of Montebello, and who also has extensive oil interests in Oklahoma.

Young Graham was graduated from the Montebello high school, and later attended Pacific Military Academy in Long Beach and Pasadena Junior College.

On the fatal day the youthful aviator acquired a plane belonging to A. J. Dewey of Alhambra and Dr. Harold J. Foote of Pasadena. He zoomed away toward Palm Springs and reached that village, in a short time, where he planned to visit his friend, Charles Goff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goff. Graham circled over the Goff Hotel to let Charles Goff know that he had arrived in Palm Springs, and then headed for the airport. Department of Commerce investigators believe he overshot the runway as he attempted to land and then decided to gain more elevation and thus circle the field for another attempt. They believe the plane stalled when he attempted to climb because it had lost much of its momentum and slid back, falling about 200 feet. The motor was deeply imbedded in the ground.

Charles Graham and Charles Goff had been chums since both of the boys were classmates in the Long Beach Military Academy. Although the boys were only 13 years of age at the time of the tragedy, both have been aviators for more than a year. They learned to fly at the Palm Springs airport, and have made many solo flights. Young Graham came to Palm Springs frequently to get Charles Goff, and the two would fly back to Los Angeles together.

Graham's parents were summoned and reached Banning early Tuesday evening. The remains of the young man were taken to Montebello.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Grove, who have been touring the Eastern states during the summer, are now homeward bound. They went first to New Orleans, then to New York and Detroit, where they purchased a new car. The last heard from them they were in Chicago, and they said they had found the weather cool throughout their trip. They will visit Boulder Dam and Mead Lake on their way home.

\$65,000 Hotel Project Planned

A roadside development, adjacent to the Richfield Beacon service station, west of Banning, that may be valued as high as \$65,000.00, has definitely been decided upon and is to be built this fall, it was learned last week from W. E. Leidner, who leases and operates the station.

Highway Community corporation of Los Angeles, of which Bert A. Heiny is president, will make the development. This corporation owns the land and air beacon as well as the other beacons in California, Oregon, Washington, and Arizona, and leases the property to the Richfield company.

Recently the corporation purchased two and a half acres additional land adjoining the local station in preparation for the expansion program. Included in the plan are fifteen air conditioned de luxe cabins, coffee shop, with lounge, cocktail room, and Indian trading post adjoining. It is estimated value of buildings will be \$50,000.00 and the value of equipment may range as high as \$15,000.00.

While original plans were to have construction completed and development flourishing by October 1, start of construction has been held up until Mr. Heiny returns from an extended business trip. It is now probable the work would not be done and buildings furnished and equipped before November 1 at the earliest.

\$150,000 Hotel Is Proposed for Palm Springs

Announcement has been made of plans for a \$150,000 club house and hotel project to be built at Palm Springs for Dudley Edelman, says the San Bernardino Sun. It will be known as the Palm Springs Desert Club.

Architect Wesley Eager of Los Angeles has been authorized to prepare plans for the group immediately.

The buildings, 19 in number, will be located on a site 640x2600 feet in area and will include a two-story club building to contain a dining room, cocktail lounge, amusement rooms and other recreational facilities. There will be eight one-story hotel structures with a total of 80 rooms.

Included in the project are a swimming pool, bathhouses, tennis and badminton courts, stables, practice track, garages and other conveniences.

The above announcement appeared in Los Angeles and other metropolitan newspapers. It is reported that Mr. Edelman, who was in Palm Springs on Wednesday, said the announcement was made prematurely by the architect.

DEATH CALLS MRS. E. L. MCCARTNEY

News of the death of Mrs. E. L. McCartney was received here this week. She died of a stroke after one day's illness at Lake Placid, New York, on July 4, and was buried in the McCartney plot at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Payne Clatworthy of Palm Springs were at Lake Placid the day Mrs. McCartney died. Mrs. McCartney will be remembered as the sister-in-law of the Rev. John Robertson Macartney, pastor of the Palm Springs Community church. She lived here for a number of years and was very active in church circles. She had charge of the campaign to raise the money for the church budget this spring, which she did very successfully. It is not known if her husband, Rev. E. L. McCartney, will return here next season.

PETE ARRIVES TO JOIN BROTHER MIKE

The Desert Sun reporter got a good news item several weeks ago, but for some reason it was lost in making up the newspaper. However, it should be printed even at this late date, because it concerns a future citizen of Palm Springs. Peter Willis Isenagie, weight 7½ pounds, arrived at the Riverside Community Hospital on June 30, and is now living with his parents and big brother, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Isenagie and Michael Isenagie, at Pasadena. As soon as the season opens, Mike, age 2½ years, and Pete, now about a month old, will be here to become prominent members of the younger set in Palm Springs. Their father is local manager of Tanner Motor Livery, and is now in charge of the Tanner office in Pasadena.

Rufus J. Chapman, local realtor, yesterday moved his offices from the Carnell building to the former Lindop offices south of the Telephone building on Palm Canyon Drive. Mr. Chapman's staff consists of Charles Mathews, J. C. Hayward, Roy Watson and Ed Wickman. Mr. Lindop now has his office at his Desert Sands tract.

Miss Betty Jo Thompson is at Camp Conifer, Arrowhead, this week, participating in Girl Scout life. Miss Thompson will be back home August 7.

Anyone contemplating the purchase of a new Buick, should place the order immediately, for the prices will go up next Monday. Small models will advance \$15 in price and larger models \$100. The Desert Inn Garage is the local Buick agency.

Mrs. Horace Cook, co-owner of the Sakarah Apartments, underwent a major operation in the California Lutheran Hospital in Los Angeles last week. She has recovered to the extent that her physician believes she can return to her home next Sunday.

Raymond Cree is building a Mexican type adobe house on his date ranch, "The Garden of the Sun," east of town.

Pacific System Homes, Inc., is building a new home in Las Palmas Estates for Mrs. Jewett of San Diego county.

Get Long Jail Terms for Selling Liquor to Indians

It seems to be a very unhealthy business to sell or give liquor to Indians hereabouts. Four men, who were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury last week on charges of selling or giving liquor to Indians, filed by Federal Agent H. H. Quackenbush in charge of the local reservation, received sentences ranging from six months to one year when they were convicted in the Federal court in Los Angeles this week. One of the men, John Edwards, who had a long criminal record and had been convicted of the same charge twice before, drew a year and a day in the Federal penitentiary.

3 Palm Springs Girls Star in Idyllwild Gymkhana

Miss Arol McKinney, Jane Lykken and Jean Fulford, all of Palm Springs, took many honors in a recent gymkhana held at Idyllwild. With a very large crowd in attendance Miss McKinney performed the feature of the afternoon with an exhibition ride on her three year old Arabian stallion. Miss Lykken paired with Miss Deborah Abbott of Banning took second prize in the paired class. Miss Fulford walked off with second honors in the jumping division.

Results:
Pair class: Miss McCreery and Miss Roselyn Johnson, first; Miss Deborah Abbott of Banning and Miss Jane Lykken, of Palm Springs, second.

Bending race, open: Miss Johnson, first; Miss Arol McKinney, second.
Bareback and saddle race, open: Miss Abbott, first; Miss Garvey, second.

Jumps: Miss Johnson, riding Glen Gary, first; Miss Jean Fulford, of Palm Springs, riding Marquis, second.

Wanita Scott, who is employed in the local office of the Nevada-California Electric Company, became the bride of Harold Heynen of Los Angeles last week. The ceremony was held in the Cypress Park Christian church of Highland Park. Mr. Heynen operates a radio store in Los Angeles. Although Mrs. Heynen will continue to work there the plans to spend as much time as possible in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Rufus J. Chapman, who has been seriously ill at St. Vincent's Hospital in Los Angeles since the birth of her daughter, Rita Jo, on July 16, is now recovering rapidly. The little girl, named Rita Jo so that she would have the same initials as her father.

To Complete Aqueduct in Two Years

The following report was given by Verne Steele, Colorado River Aqueduct engineer, before the Town Club in Redlands:

The great Metropolitan water district aqueduct will be completed in two years, according to present progress, and engineers have the San Jacinto bore whipped.

The progress on the aqueduct, probably the greatest engineering feat the world has ever known, has at all times been in advance of the schedule, even though the San Jacinto bore gave much trouble.

Water seepage there has hampered the work, but engineers met and fought the difficulties at every turn until now they are assured of success.

Of course there is a great seepage of water, but pumps are taking care of it adequately and soon it will be blocked off with concrete. When this is done the water supply of that section will again return to normal, the experts say.

Engineers have found the whole vast project extremely interesting, for unexpected problems have cropped up and have had to be solved and have been solved.

In this connection, the June report of the work on the San Jacinto bore will be of interest:

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Five New Shops Being Built Near Plaza

Five large attractive new shops are under construction at the corner of South Palm Canyon Drive and Arenas Road, adjoining the Plaza on the south. The property, formerly owned by Paul B. Hammond and Harrie W. Hammond of Pasadena and known for some years as the Paul Hammond home, was recently acquired by Kenneth Colburn.

The shops will front on Palm Canyon Drive. The corner room has been leased to Harry Valentine, registered pharmacist with the Palm Springs Drug Co. for the past two seasons, who will open a new drug store there about September 15. The new drug store will be very large, 25x60 feet in size.

The shop adjoining the Plaza will also be large, 25x35 feet. The other three shops will be 16x37 feet each.

Frank A. Woodyard of Los Angeles is the contractor, and R. J. Brown of Los Angeles is the superintendent in charge of construction. This is the fourth major building project that Mr. Brown has constructed here for Mr. Colburn during the past year. The first was the large two-story Colburn building opposite the Nevada-California Electric Corporation building on Andreas Road. This building has four shops on the lower floor and eight hotel rooms above. The second was the Palm Springs Importation Company warehouse, 32x60 feet, on Indian avenue. This building has six rooms on the upper floor. The third was the new Palm Springs Grocery and Market with four large apartments on the upper floor. This building is quite large, 35x70 feet, and fronts on Indian avenue. Mr. Brown and his crew also remodeled the cottages in Colburn Court last year.

Despite the heat, Palm Springs has not folded up for the summer, as is shown by the attendance at Lions Club meetings. Yesterday noon a dozen business men, members of the club, attended the luncheon of the club at Freeman's Cafe. Seated at the long table were Floyd Brewster, Merrill Creekert, Rufus J. Chapman, Ralph Newirth, R. M. Goffish, Howard Gerard, Vincent Savory, Raymond Cree, Francis Crocker, Clarence Hyde, E. E. McLaughlin of Riverside, and Carl Barker. In the dining room, at the same time, were more than a dozen other "business men" and residents.

Anthony Burke, who returned from a trip abroad early in July, was here yesterday to look after business interests. He is dividing his time between Idyllwild, Santa Monica, Lake Arrowhead and Palm Springs. Mr. Burke witnessed the coronation parade in London, and then traveled through various countries of Europe.

Charles N. Bosworth, head of the Palm Springs Grocery and Market and the El Paseo Market, has been seriously ill at his summer home in Idyllwild for the past two months, but it was reported yesterday that he is now feeling much better. He was able to come down to Palm Springs this week to look after business interests.

The front of the recently remodeled Desert Inn Garage is said to be one of the most attractive of any garage in the county. The gasoline pumps have been set back 12 feet, the office is on the north side and the old office has been converted into a large display room, with the walls replaced by plate glass.

Mrs. E. J. Weaver and daughter, Miss Eddie Davis, arrived here this week to spend a month in Palm Springs with Mrs. Weaver's daughter, Mrs. George Lafayette. Their home is in Corsicana, Texas. Mrs. Lafayette was bookkeeper at Hotel The Oasis during the past season and has been employed at Palm Springs Water Company this summer.

Brewster & Benedict, local architectural firm, designed the extensive additions to the Henry Weinberger home, formerly the R. H. Hood residence. Contractor Charles Chamberlain is constructing the addition.

R. S. Juvet, clerk of the Indian Bureau, is now stationed at the local Indian office assisting Federal Agent H. H. Quackenbush.



Sun Spots

(By Carl Barkow)

I don't understand why German and Italian boys volunteer to die in Spain . . . why we continue to reclaim more land and then plow under grain . . . why the British sing "God Save the King" when they mean "God Save the Nation" . . . why we hang men like Harry French and give the thugs probation . . . why the Chinese don't unite to drive the Japanese away . . . why we feed all the aliens and tell drouth victims "nay" . . . why Russian students can't see that Stalin is all wet . . . why Franklin doesn't insist that we produce for relief we get . . . why Italian mothers think it's great to raise sons for the slaughter . . . why a U. S. mother passes out cigarettes to her daughter . . . why Mexicans live so long when they eat their food so hot . . . why I can sell my land and an Indian cannot . . . why we let diesel trucks smoke us off the highway . . . why radio listeners tolerate such guys as Cab Calloway . . . why speed cops ride white motor bikes so speeders can't be trapped . . . why we don't get our mountain road though we've yapped and yapped and yapped . . . why I should rack my brain to make this darn thing rhyme . . . why you have read this far and wasted your good time.

Citizens of 29 Palms passed the hat around among themselves and when they counted the money they found they had nearly \$2,000 with which to buy road oil. San Bernardino county will supply the equipment and labor, so 29 Palms will get a number of miles of paved streets. One paved road will extend three miles north from the postoffice.

The 29 Palms are progressive, and one of the live-wires is Bill Underhill, editor and publisher of the Desert Trail. Bill threw in with the homesteaders at the desert oasis three years ago when he started his small newspaper, and he has been one of the leaders there ever since. He first acquired a large tract of land, then built a nice home, and is now constructing one of the better business buildings in which he will have his newspaper plant as well as a couple of store rooms for tenants.

I was awakened at 1:30 yesterday morning by a call from my brother Walter in Fallbrook, who excitedly

Pour Concrete at Parker Dam; 250 Feet Deep

Actual construction on Parker Dam started Friday when the first concrete for the dam itself was poured in a hole deeper than the excavation made for the world's largest dam, Boulder Dam.

Because of the deep deposit of silt in the Colorado river at Parker, the excavation had to be 250 feet below the river bed, the last 10 feet of which being in bedrock.

From now on pouring of concrete will be continuous until the dam reaches a height of 350 feet above the bottom of the foundation or 100 feet above the river bed, which will form a lake 50 miles long, nearly 100 feet deep at the dam, and impounding 700,000 acre-feet of water.

One million five hundred ninety-six thousand four hundred cubic yards of dirt had to be excavated for the foundation, the deepest hole ever dug for a dam, and 263,000 cubic yards of concrete will be required for the dam. Excavation started in October of last year and was completed in nine months, a remarkable record considering the tremendous quantity of dirt that had to be lifted.

Those who wish to watch the progress of Parker dam, should visit the damsite now to get an idea of the amount of work entailed in construction.

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LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CAMPS POPULAR

The generous rainfall last winter has helped to make the Los Angeles municipal camps more popular for 1937 vacations this year than for many years, reports the Outing Department of the National Automobile Club.

The great forests of the San Bernardino mountains surrounding Camp Seeley are green and spring-like, and the full streams will preserve this freshness until late in the fall.

Early season heavy snows and rains kept fishing from reaching its peak at Camp High Sierra near Mammoth Lakes, Mono county; therefore, excellent angling is assured for late summer.

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Washington Correspondence

Congressman Harry R. Sheppard will appoint two boys to the United States Military Academy in 1938 and one to the Naval Academy. Following notification by the War and Navy Departments of appointments due Mr. Sheppard for 1938 he stated that he would not permit politics to play any part in the selection of boys to either academy.

"Any boy in the 19th district is entitled to an opportunity to compete for these appointments," stated Mr. Sheppard. "I have contacted the United States Civil Service Commission and they have agreed to give a competitive examination on November 6th of this year for all boys in my district who wish to compete," he added. "The boys receiving the highest grades will receive the appointments regardless of political affiliation, race or creed."

Mr. Sheppard stated that any boy wishing to compete for these appointments must file his request with his office before September 15, 1937. All candidates are required to be citizens of the United States and must be not less than 16 years of age nor more than 20 years of age by April 1, 1938, for the Naval Academy not less than 17 years or more than 22 years by April 1, 1938, for the Military Academy. Candidates cannot be less than 5 feet 4 inches in height.

The much discussed Egg Bill had its hearing this week before the subcommittee on Customs and Tariff of the House Ways and Means committee. The bill would provide an excise tax on imported egg products and is designed to protect the American poultrymen from the influx of egg products which in the main come from China.

Congressman Harry R. Sheppard appeared before the subcommittee to testify on behalf of the farmers and poultrymen of his 19th California district. In stating his attitude Mr. Sheppard outlined the fact that California farmers produced over 135 million dozen eggs per year and that over 80 million dollars per year was involved in the state's poultry business. He stated that the influx of Chinese egg products produced under questionable sanitary conditions by cheap labor was endangering the very existence of the poultry industry in his district.

"It occurs to me that your committee has two avenues to follow," stated Mr. Sheppard. "One is legislation to protect the American farmer to the exclusion of the importation of Chinese egg products and the other is legislation to protect industrial investments and other Chinese importations to the exclusion of the general welfare of the American farm poultry producers."

"I have endeavored at all times to view subjects of this character as impartially as possible, keeping in mind that our nation has certain reciprocal trade agreements supposedly predicated upon the idea of the greatest good for the greatest number. For some unexplainable reason, in my opinion, the farmer for the last 25 years has been given less consideration on trade agreements than any other producing element and I trust that you gentlemen of the committee on Customs and Tariff who hold the destiny of the poultry industry in your hands will favorably report this bill for passage."

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DESERT ROUTES TO BE IMPROVED

Contract has been awarded for liquid-asphalt-surfacing 28.6 miles of road from Edom to three miles south of Coachella and from Indian Wells to Indio.

If the man holding a government job would work as hard at that job as he did try to get the job, the government would be more efficient.—A'chi-son Globe.



Economic Highlights

Every President, according to American political tradition, is given a "congressional honeymoon"—that is, for a certain period of time, long or short as the case may be, his suggestions and requests of Congress are received with almost unanimous appeal and are enacted into law. He is faced by no major defections from his party ranks, and his floor leaders need give but little effort to keeping "the boys in line."

In our recent history, the shortest honeymoon was that of President Hoover, who had to deal with a hostile Congress within two years after his election—a circumstance that had much to do with his crushing defeat when he ran for reelection.

Longest honeymoon has been that of President Roosevelt. For four years, every major policy he advocated was approved with a minimum of debate. He received no set-backs from Congress. In such matters as disbursement of government money, he was given almost a free hand. He had bills written by his advisors, sent them to Congress and saw them made into law within a few days. Never was the authority of the Executive so broadened.

To say that this honeymoon is now over is simply to state an obvious fact, apparent to both the friends and opponents of the New Deal. Cause of the split was the Court Bill. Ultimate effects of the split are today the subject for guessing, forecasting and editorializing by everyone in the country who takes an interest in politics.

The death of Senator Robinson—who, through his great personal popularity, ability and mastery of the complicated parliamentary technique, was able to keep the Senate running like a well-oiled Administration machine for four years—was a serious blow to the President. But the seeds of discontent have been brewing for a long time. Even had Mr. Robinson secured the passage of the Court Bill, which is extremely doubtful, the breach between Congress and the White House would inevitably have widened. Faced with no effective Republican opposition, the overwhelming Democratic majority has been gradually breaking into a number of opposed, restive factions.

The upshot of this, as the Washington columnists have been writing, is clear. The Court Bill—perhaps the most important piece of legislation proposed by the administration—is definitely dead. There will be no increase in Supreme Court membership, no proctor, and no increase in the membership of the lower Federal courts unless a definite need for judges is shown. It is probable that a bill will be offered whereby the progress of cases involving Constitutional questions from District Courts to the Supreme Court, will be expedited, and the Attorney General will be empowered to appear in lower court cases when the constitutionality of a Federal law is questioned. These minor reforms have long been advocated by conservatives and liberals alike, and will not stir opposition.

Furthermore, the other "must" bills on the administration's five-point legislative program for this session are definitely in danger—the chances, say the experts, are against them passing. These bills would fix minimum wages and maximum hours for industry in interstate commerce; reorganize the government departments and bureaus; provide for low-cost housing; plug up loopholes in the tax laws, and set up a new farm plan, based on the "ever normal granary." Potent remark came recently from Representative Woodrum, a strong White House adherent, who said that if the administration insisted on passing an ambitious legislative program such as this, "Congress will still be here when the frost is on the pumpkin."

The effects of this on the country are gradually becoming clear. First, the chances are strongly against any additional "experimental legislation" on a wide scale. Second, the possi-

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With fanfare of music and drumbeat the American Legion's current year draws to a close at the annual Department convention at Stockton this week. For many officers and committeemen who have served, and served well, during the period, the year ends, too. New men, as eager to serve the cause of Americanism today as they were to serve the cause of Peace twenty years ago, will replace last year's leaders. With fresh ideas and new energy they will take over the reins to begin the new year.

Changes will come, for Legion procedure keeps abreast of the times. New rules and new rulings will be made on many matters. New programs for public service constantly will be added to the already lengthy list of contributions the Legion has sought to make for the public good. Organization and equipment will be brought up to date, retaining for the Legion its well-deserved place as the most energetically helpful, facile and modern of all comparable organizations. Subsidiary groups such as "Sons of the Legion" will continue to be inspired with the ideals of the parent organization.

But the Legion will not alter its fundamental aims and principles. They will remain the same; equality, peace, justice, freedom.

And the officers, committee heads and members—all men who were not afraid to risk their lives for their country in wartime—will not hesitate to continue to work and think and plan for it in time of peace. They will remain strong in their purpose as American Legionnaires to "foster and perpetuate a 100 per cent Americanism in the land."

bility of a split in Democratic ranks, that will result in a new party, with the conservative Southern Democrats joining with the Republicans, becomes constantly greater. Third, the President's power and hold over Congress is waning. Fourth, as recent surveys, such as that made by Fortune, indicate, the New Deal is slipping in public esteem, even though Mr. Roosevelt, as a personality, still commands the admiration of millions of voters.

This is all true, whether Congress adjourns tomorrow or next year. The attitude of the President, apparently, is that he will continue to insist on approval of his plans and will oppose, indirectly, the renomination of Democrats who are against him, such as Van Nuys and Wheeler. Not since the war has the political situation been so chaotic and so full of dynamite.

The air conditioning industry is going ahead. According to Business Week, sales for the first five months of this year doubled the same period in 1936.

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FOREST OFFICIALS STUDY MASS USE OF RECREATION AREAS

To alleviate mass recreational use of overcrowded camping places in the national forests of California, Forest Service recreational authorities are drawing up plans for the wider apportionment of forest recreation grounds and greater means of access into less congested areas.

In a statement made by Regional Forester S. B. Shaw of the California Region he said, "Due to the increased use of recreational areas in national forests, particularly in Southern California, plans are being worked out by which the thousands of week-end visitors to the forests will be given more opportunity to scatter throughout the forest playgrounds. Vacationists want as much seclusion as it is possible for them to get. That is one of the basic ideas behind their desire to spend a day or two in the woods. And in accord with their desires it is the policy of the Forest Service to have the least possible congestion of campers."

The plans which call for the wider dissemination of forest playground users are being reviewed by Robert Marshall, Washington, D. C., chief of the Forest Service branch of Recreation and Lands and a proponent for the preservation of primitive areas in national forests. With him in his study of recreational facilities during the early part of the week have been C. B. Morse, assistant regional forester in charge of Recreation and Lands at the regional headquarters in San Francisco, and Earl Bachman, also of that office.

This week, Marshall, in the company of other forest officials, is traveling through several primitive areas in the national forests of California. During the past 15 years Marshall has been prominently associated with other pioneer advocates of primitive area preservation. These areas of forest wilderness are preserved in their primitive condition insofar as is consistent with the highest use of the land. There are 18 primitive areas in national forests of California.

Warren Pinney, manager of the El Mirador, stopped at Banning yesterday. He is staying at Balboa and makes occasional trips to Palm Springs on business during the summer.

NEW LAW ON USE OF LIQUOR BY MINORS

Adoption of a new ruling by the State Board of Equalization, governing premises where liquor is sold at retail, is made by Ray Edgar, member of the board from Southern California.

The rule requires all retail licensees to post a sign on their premises warning patrons that selling or delivering alcoholic beverages between 2 a. m. and 6 a. m. is a misdemeanor and selling, furnishing or giving away alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21 years is also a misdemeanor.

Minors are also warned of the risk they run in purchasing or consuming liquor, the sign being required to carry the following information:

"Any minor who purchases alcoholic beverages is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any minor who consumes alcoholic beverages in any on-sale premises is guilty of a misdemeanor."

"Under provision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, which governs the sale of liquor in California, minors are considered to be all persons under 21 years of age," Edgar said.

"Minors who are married are not exempt from the requirements of the law and are subject to arrest if found consuming or purchasing alcoholic beverages. A married person under 21 years of age is still a minor so far as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act is concerned."

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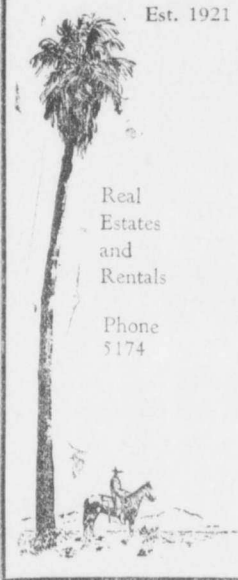
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Is Second Largest
in California

The new fourth supervisorial district of Supervisor Robert E. Dillon of Beaumont is the second largest such district in California and is larger than three different states of the Union.

Such was determined following compilation of reports of the sizes of various districts in the state as obtained from several county surveyors.

According to A. C. Fulmor, Riverside county surveyor, Dillon's district—extending from just east of Highgrove to the Arizona state line—comprises 5652 square miles.

Only in San Bernardino county, the largest in the whole United States with a total area of 20,157 square miles, is there a larger supervisorial district than that of Dillon. The first district in the neighboring county, represented by Arthur L. Doran of Barstow, has an approximate area of 13,280 square miles, according to H. L. Day, San Bernardino county surveyor.

But no supervisorial district in either Inyo or Kern counties, which along with San Bernardino are the only three counties in the state larger than Riverside, has a greater area than the Dillon domain.

According to J. B. Thornton, Kern county surveyor, the largest supervisorial district there is the second with 3779 square miles. A. A. Brierly, county surveyor of Inyo county, reveals that its fifth supervisorial district has 5085 square miles of area.

Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware all are smaller than the Riverside county fourth district, records show.

CORONA EDITOR
MARRIES WRITER

J. Eugene Blair, editor of the Corona Daily Independent, and Miss Cathleen Hayes, newspaper reporter of South Pasadena, were married Saturday at Reno.

The event came as a surprise to their friends, the editor announcing previously that he was away on a three weeks' vacation. The wedding trip will be in the Pacific Northwest.

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Winner in Beauty Contest



Virginia Johnson Drysdale, Banning girl, who won free trip to New York in national beauty contest. Virginia is a daughter of Harvey Johnson, Banning and Palm Springs publisher.

The Long Beach Press-Telegram has the following regarding the good fortune of Virginia (Johnson) Drysdale in winning in a nation-wide beauty contest.

Chosen as one of the ten most beautiful girls in America, an attractive blonde stenographer pounds a typewriter in an office on the fourth floor of the Press-Telegram building in a haze of delirious joy.

She's to have a free trip to New York, entertainment in that city with all expenses paid, a cash prize of not less than \$50, an interview with a motion picture scout—and a chance conversation in the hall of the Press-Telegram building started it all.

For some time Mrs. Virginia Drysdale, stenographer in the Unified Rehabilitation Corporation office, 409 Press-Telegram building, has given definite eclat to the familiar building at Sixth and Pine. She was Queen of the Long Beach float in the Tournament of Roses in 1935, and frequently poses for publicity pictures.

One afternoon three months ago, Herbert W. Smith, manager of the Prestel Studio, 5275 East Second street, passed Mrs. Drysdale in the corridor.

BEAUMONT-REDLANDS
ROAD SCHEDULED
FOR IMPROVEMENT

Survey of the new route for highway 99 from the Redlands city limits at Crystal Springs, to Highland avenue, will be completed this week. A State Highway Department survey crew is doing the work.

When this is finished there is a considerable amount of office work but in a few months the state will be ready to start work on that section of the highway, cutting down the grade, eliminating sharp curves, increasing vision of drivers, and surfacing the road.

Work on Highway 99 in the south section of Redlands will eliminate hazard caused by a fairly heavy grade and sharp curves. There have been too many accidents on this stretch of road.

The road is to be straightened considerably and the curves necessary made sweeping so there will be good vision for the drivers. Surfacing the highway will also be important.

The highway department in San Bernardino is also completing plans for doing some grading work on the highway between Calimesa and Beaumont.

Several dips there are to be built up and grades cut down, the road widened and surfaced in several places. Heavy traffic has one some damage to the surface of that road, engineers have found.

BOY SCOUT PICNIC
IS SUCCESS

The picnic sponsored by the Boy Scouts of Cabazon in Whitewater Canyon, Sunday, was quite successful, although that first day of August happened to be quite cool, keeping some people away who had planned to attend. The picnic was arranged by Ivan Hallock.

There have been firsts of August that were not cool in Whitewater Canyon.

"Say," he suggested suddenly, "why don't you let me take a picture of you and enter it in the Physical Culture contest to find America's most beautiful girl?" Mrs. Drysdale had never heard of the contest, but after some persuasion she posed. Smith took a picture of her, in a white bathing suit with her long golden hair loose about her shoulders.

"You'll win. Mark my words," he said.

Thousands of portraits from all parts of the United States poured into the contest headquarters. Mrs. Drysdale today was notified that she had been chosen as one of the top ten.

"I'm so happy I'm in a fog," she said.

With all expenses paid by Physical Culture, she and the nine other top contestants will be entertained from August 3 to 6 in New York City. The girls will be guests at the St. Moritz, one of New York's most exclusive hotels, they will be photographed by the press and news reels, and will tour New York, visiting such interesting places as the Rockefeller Center, the Empire State Building, the site of the 1939 World's Fair, the beaches, night clubs and theaters.

STATE'S CRIMINALS
HAVE HEAVY SEASON

Criminals in California committed 19,372 offenses during the first six months of the year, according to a report prepared by the state division of criminal identification and investigation.

Leading the list were 12,080 burglaries. Other types of crime and the number of offenses reported: fictitious checks and forgery, 2412; robbery, 2042; pickpockets, 407; purse snatching, 347; assaults to murder, 32; miscellaneous, 2042.

The month of June contributed 2981 offenses to the total.

FRONT, BOY!

Cabs roll up to San Francisco's famous hotels again, unload their passengers and scurry away to meet incoming trains and boats. There's the shrill blast of the starter's whistle, the bustle of porters loaded with bags. Lobbies pulse with new life. Desk clerks, after three months on the picket lines, forget to be imperious—stretch out their hands in welcome to returning guests. There's the cry of "Front, Boy!" And life whirls on.

The long-drawn strike is over. But in a conference room a board of arbitration prepares to meet. What will the board arbitrate? It will arbitrate what hours the hotel workers shall work and how much they shall be paid! That, to be sure, was what the strike was about. But the strike failed to provide the answer. Arbitration is needed for that.

We can all rejoice with San Francisco that its costly hotel strike has ended, but we can't help but wonder why it should have begun. If arbitration is the answer now, why shouldn't it have been the answer in May, before workers had lost three months' wages and employers had lost three months' income?

Perhaps the bell boy will know. "Front, Boy!"—Exchange.

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Mead Lake Tops
15 Million Acre Feet

Discharge of the Colorado river at Grand Canyon for the month of July was 1,370,000 acre feet, compared with 1,040,000 acre feet in July, 1936, according to figures released by James H. Gordon, government meteorologist at Yuma.

Estimated storage behind the dam August 1 was 15,690,000 acre feet. Discharge for the month at Parker below Boulder dam was 650,000.

SURVEY TO BE MADE
OF ANTELOPE HERD
IN CALIFORNIA

The Fish and Game Commission and the Fish and Game Development Association are cooperating in an aerial survey of California's antelope herd. It has been announced by Dr. E. C. Moore, president of the Fish and Game Commission. Estimated at 16,000 head, the bulk of which winters in the area between Honey Lake, California, and Smoke Creek Desert, Nevada, reports have been made that approximately 25 per cent of the herd died as a result of the recent severe winter, or lack of food due to over-grazing.

The survey is in charge of J. S. Hunter, chief of the bureau of game conservation, in cooperation with Carl F. Johnson, president of the Fish and Game Development Association. The survey party will include D. D. McLean, economic biologist of the Division of Fish and Game, Asa L. Brown, supervising trapper of the division, and Harry Bourland of the Eastman Kodak Company.

The ground crew camp base will be established on the edge of Smoke Creek Desert. Actual count of the herd and carcasses will be made through powerful glasses and photographs. In this way it will be possible to determine the present size of the herd and losses from natural causes and predators. Considerable information will be ascertained as to the extent of food and cover available and the practicability of establishing an open season on antelope in California.

The plane, owned by Carl F. Johnson, is being donated by him for the survey. He also will pilot it. An additional survey of Tulare lake will be made to determine the boundaries of the overflow areas caused by heavy winter rains. The present boundaries of the lake are considerably more extensive than in recent years.

The survey party recently assembled at Lake Tahoe and is now plotting emergency landing fields. If this aerial survey proves successful, it is possible that the Fish and Game Commission will continue additional aerial surveys, according to Dr. E. C. Moore, president of the Fish and Game Commission.

DOVE HUNTING SEASON TO
OPEN SEPTEMBER FIRST

Dove hunting season opens in California September 1 at 7:00 a. m., information released by State Director of Natural Resources George D. Nordenholt.

Dove hunting is now regulated by the U. S. biological survey and the hunting season on dove is set by presidential proclamation. This year the opening date corresponds to the California state game laws. No closing date has been set.

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Accident

Robert Raymond Perennes, of Wilmington, 17-year-old French youth, is dead, as the result of an automobile accident at Cabazon at 5:29 o'clock Monday evening, and Roy Toshikiko Shiraiski, Japanese boy who was driving the car, is held in custody at the county hospital, the probability that he may be charged with causing the accident.

The Chevrolet coupe in which the two boys were riding collided with an Auburn car driven by A. S. Haggerty and belonging to H. M. Gregg of Pasadena. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg, who have been staying at the California Hotel in Banning during the summer, were riding in the car. Both of them and Haggerty, the driver, who was a guest at their home, were injured, Mrs. Gregg and Haggerty receiving head injuries and are confined to the Banning Hospital, and Mr. Gregg suffering from a broken arm and cuts on the face and both legs. Gregg stated at the inquest Tuesday afternoon that his party had stopped at Cabazon and were just leaving, driving not over 30 miles an hour, when the collision occurred. The Japanese boy suffered cuts on one arm.

At the coroner's inquest A. F. Shaw, who witnessed the accident, stated that the Chevrolet coupe in which the two boys were riding, came down the highway, eastbound, at a terrific rate of speed, which he estimated at 40 miles an hour. He estimated the Auburn car was traveling at the rate of about 25 miles an hour. He said that at about 250 or 300 feet from the point of impact the brakes on the Chevrolet evidently were applied, and that all four wheels of the car slid 167 feet before the two cars struck. The Chevrolet, he said, swerved to the left side of the road, striking the Auburn car which was turning off the road to avoid the collision, and that the Chevrolet then flew about 10 feet in the air, throwing the motor 25 feet from the car, the front wheels and axle 75 feet, and the flywheel 107 feet. Both boys were thrown clear of the wreck, he said, the dead boy being thrown about 25 feet. He said the Japanese boy told him he could not account for the accident unless he went to sleep at the wheel. He was thrown about 70 feet, Mr. Shaw said. Shaw said he was standing in the doorway of the garage and saw the two cars approaching and the wreck. He removed the wreckage to his garage later.

Wiefels ambulance was called and Young Perennes died about two hours after he reached the Banning Hospital. Dr. A. L. Bramkamp said the boy was so badly injured that there was no hope, his skull being fractured and his chest badly crushed.

The two boys were on their vacation and were staying at the Wood home in Stubby canyon near Cabazon.

Miss Norma Jean Mabry returned to the village last week from Ojai where she spent the past six weeks.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF
STATE GAME REFUGE IN
SAN JACINTO DISTRICT

District Ranger L. A. Horton has released the following legal description of the state game refuge on the San Jacinto ranger district. There is a slight change around the Ansel Rock area from the old boundaries of the refuge.

166. District 4 G. Beginning at the northwest corner of township four south, range three east, San Bernardino Base and Meridian.

Thence on section line, west one mile, north one mile, west two miles, north one mile and west three miles to the northwest corner of section thirty, township three south, range three east, San Bernardino Base and Meridian.

Thence south on the range line between ranges two and three east, about seven and three-fourths miles to the crest of the divide forming a northwesterly boundary of Strawberry watershed.

Thence southwesterly along said divide to a point on the northerly boundary of section twenty-eight in township five south, range two east, San Bernardino Base and Meridian.

Thence southwesterly in a straight line to the junction of Strawberry Creek and the South Fork of the San Jacinto river.

Thence southeasterly and northeasterly along the crest of the divide between the waters of Strawberry Creek and the waters of the South Fork of the San Jacinto River and its tributaries to the northeasterly side of the right of way of the Pines-to-Palms highway.

Thence southeasterly along the said northeasterly side of the right of way of the Pines-to-Palms highway to the right bank of Herkey Creek.

Thence northerly along the right bank of Herkey Creek through sections nine and four in township six south, range three east, and through sections thirty-three, twenty-eight, twenty-one, the southeast quarter of section sixteen, the west one-half of section fifteen, the east half of section ten and the northwest quarter of section eleven to the crest of the divide between the waters of Herkey Creek and Murray Canyon.

Thence southeasterly along the crest of the divide between the waters flowing west into the San Jacinto river and the waters flowing east into Coachella Valley to a point on the south boundary of section twenty-four in township five south, range three east, San Bernardino Base and Meridian.

Thence east on the said south line of section twenty-four to the southeast corner thereof. Thence north on the Range Line to the point of beginning.

HERE'S AN IDEA

Since it seems a popular belief now that man can be made happy and wealthy, or at least socially secure through legislation, why not simplify the matter by having the college professors at Washington draft a bill that would make it unlawful to lose money during a depression?

Mrs. D. S. Mabry was called to Ojai last week on account of the death of her father.

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Parker Dam

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ing a barrier across a mighty river. When the dam is completed more than two-thirds of it will be below the ground when viewed from the downstream side.

Here are some other figures in connection with Parker dam which indicate the magnitude of the project:

Diversion tunnels—3,363 ft.
Cofferdams—Excavation—227,582 C. Y. (Cubic yards.)
Cofferdams—Fill—464,890 C. Y.
Outlet Works—Excavation—220,000 C. Y.
Outlet Works—Concrete—5,000 C. Y.
Power House—Excavation—75,000 C. Y.
Power House—Concrete—14,000 C. Y.

But Parker dam is not the only dam under construction for the Colorado River aqueduct. Huge dams are rising at Cajalco, Copper Basin, and Gene Wash, and one of the largest reservoirs is to be at Hayfield, about 12 miles this side of Desert Center. Some of the details regarding the other dams are:

Cajalco Reservoir—
Diversion—Tunnel—2,000 Ft.
Outlet App. Channel—Exc.—199,190 C. Y.
Outlet Tower—Concrete—3,116 C. Y.
Dam and Spillway—Exc. 737,000 C. Y.
Dam—Fill—3,463,390 C. Y.
Dam and Spillway—Concrete—28,000 C. Y.
Dike—Excavation—13,700 C. Y.
Dike—Fill—3,900,000 C. Y.
Dike—Concrete—44,100 C. Y.
Copper Basin Reservoir
Dam and Spillway—Exc.—10,000 C. Y.
Dam and Spillway—Conc.—14,725 C. Y.
Gene Wash Reservoir
Dam—Excavation—6,500 C. Y.
Dam—Concrete—13,365 C. Y.
Spillway—Excavation—3,306 C. Y.
Spillway—Concrete—3,200 C. Y.
Dike—Excavation—4,600 C. Y.
Dike—Fill—10,500 C. Y.
Dike—Concrete—1,200 C. Y.

UNIQUE LIVING

A riverman on the Ohio has lived the last 10 years in a sunken barge. Each night at 10 he winds the clock and puts the catfish out. — Detroit News.

Aqueduct

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Drilling and blasting their way through the stubborn and treacherous walls of granite, crack tunnel crews of the Metropolitan water district broke all previous excavation records on the 13-mile San Jacinto tunnel during the 30 days of June. It is revealed in an official report just released.

The new excavation record showed an advance of 806 feet made in the Cabazon shaft sector of the tunnel, which is one of the links in the Metropolitan aqueduct from the Colorado river.

In the report issued by F. E. Weymouth, general manager and chief engineer of the district, it was shown that the June record of the San Jacinto tunnel workers had exceeded the best previous record from any one shaft by 39 feet. This old record was established at Cabazon shaft in June, 1934.

Greater monthly progress than that of the Cabazon shaft crews had been chalked up on a few other Metropolitan water district tunnels. It was pointed out, but none of these presented construction difficulties comparable to the San Jacinto bore.

Approximately nine miles of the 13-mile tunnel have been excavated. Work is being pushed forward on this tunnel from both the Cabazon and Potrero shafts. At the same time, a third working entrance to the tunnel is being opened midway between these two shafts for the purpose of increasing the number of "faces" from which progress can be made.

Recognized as the most spectacular and difficult tunnel job on the entire 392-mile Metropolitan aqueduct system from the Colorado river, the San Jacinto bore is the only one on the big job that has not been completed. There are 38 separate tunnels, totaling 108 miles in length. Other sections of the aqueduct include concrete lined canals, covered conduits, inverted siphons, reservoirs, pumping plants, and pressure lines.

Work on the main line of the giant aqueduct is now more than 75 per cent completed. Mr. Weymouth reported, and the entire system is scheduled to be ready to place in operation in 1939. The aqueduct, with its intake on the Colorado river, will be capable of delivering a thousand million gallons of water a day to the 13 Southern California cities comprising the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Here's Case of Loyalty to Banning

If there were more men like Joe Cota in Riverside county, the Banning-Idyllwild road would be completed ahead of schedule.

Joe had a chance to take a 30-day sentence in the county jail, but he asked Judge Fredericks to give him a 90-day stretch in the county road camp.

Some weeks ago Cota was arrested by local police on the charge of striking a Mexican woman in the face. He pleaded not guilty and asked for a jury trial. His trial was set for today, but early this week he asked to be taken before Judge Fredericks again, and he pleaded guilty.

The judge explained to him that because he had lain in jail for three weeks awaiting trial and had pleaded guilty thus saving the county the cost of a trial, the sentence would be only 30 days in the county jail.

"But I don't want to go to jail," said Joe; "I want to go to the road camp."

"I can't sentence a man to the road camp for 30 days," replied the judge, "the minimum there is 90 days."

"Then give me 90 days in the road camp," pleaded the prisoner.

Now Joe is doing his bit building the Banning-Idyllwild road.

Sun Spots

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announced, "A 7½-pound baby girl arrived at 1:00 o'clock this morning." I suppose all the members of the family in Southern California were awakened in the same manner and probably didn't get much sleep the rest of the night, for Walter is the baby brother and this is his first baby. It's strange how a baby will change the routine of a family.

The baby crop, which is not regulated by drought or flood, is larger this year throughout the nation than ever before. However, this is a sure sign that the depression is definitely at an end.

In America we have babies because we love them, and we spare no expense to give them the best there is to be had. How different it is in Germany or Italy or Japan, where the women have babies because the dictators tell them the country needs more boys for cannon fodder, or in Russia where they want more children so that more work can be accomplished; or in India and China where the girl babies are considered of little value and are oftentimes sold to buy food for the boy babies. Surely, the babies born in America are the most fortunate of all babies.

Homes with babies are usually the happiest, but sometimes are plunged into the depth of despair and anguish, when something happens to them. This week a baby was snatched from its mother and a maid by kidnapers in a Chicago home. Has it come to pass that the personal watchfulness of a mother and a maid is not sufficient to protect the baby, and must we have armed body guards for the children? Child kidnapping seems to be an American industry, so maybe, after all, not all the babies born in America are the fortunate ones.

A well-known old-time mining engineer told me this week that it makes him laugh when he hears someone is about to reopen an old gold or silver mine. "You can bet your bottom dollar that the old-time miners didn't leave enough to pay for the trouble of mining it when they quit a mine. They knew how to mine and they got it all," he said.

James Guthrie, salesman for Harold J. Hicks, was here from Balboa yesterday.

WHEN 111,000 AMERICANS DIED. A generation has passed since the sinking of the Titanic, yet that great disaster is still well remembered. Fifteen hundred persons died.

The Johnstown flood will never be forgotten—the world was aghast when the death toll of 2,209 was tabulated.

The World War was the most sanguinary conflict in history. In it 50,000 Americans lost their lives, and they are still mourned.

The recent Texas school explosion, which killed 294 children, brought universal sympathy and horror.

Yet last year 111,000 Americans met accidental death—more than twice as many as were killed in the great war—and it caused hardly a ripple in the flow of news. We read of some of those accidents in our paper—"John Jones, aged 45, died in emergency hospital after being struck by an automobile"—turned the page, and forgot them. This astounding callousness—this attitude of "Accidents always happen to the other fellow, not to me or mine"—is death's greatest ally.

Among men, heart disease is the only thing which kills more men than accidents. Such plagues as cancer, tuberculosis, pneumonia—plagues which are being fought by all the resources of science—are down the list. Recklessly driven automobiles, burns, falls, drownings, and so on—these are the great killers.

Practically every accident is preventable—and this is especially true of the motor car, greatest of all the great killers. Care, competence, courtesy—these make up the accident prevention triumvirate. It's up to you—to all of us.—Exchange.

The Naturalist

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believe he misses much of the feeling and most of the meaning.

Desert View is a point near the eastern end of the South Rim. At Desert View is a composite replica of the old Indian watch towers erected in centuries gone by for protection and to give warning of the approach of enemies. This watch tower, erected by a concessionaire, is rather luxurious as watch towers go, with modern innovations such as large plate glass windows, but we should not quibble about such matters in this modern day for from this point, and the tower, is a most glorious view of the Grand Canyon and the Painted Desert. I spent a day, an evening and early morning there, far too short a time. There was sunset over the Canyon, sunrise on the desert, and the daytime view of the Canyon by means of dark reflecting mirrors which bring out the coloring even during the bright sunlight hours. Desert View is a place to linger.

High School Notes

CHANGES IN "CREDIT" ALLOWANCE

A recent regulation of the State Board of Education changes the method of counting credits for graduation from "units" to "semester periods." Any subject taken five days a week throughout the year earns ten semester periods. On this basis such subjects as music, typing, art, and physical education, if taken five days a week, count just as much as the so-called academic subjects such as mathematics, science, or language. Not more than ten semester periods in any one year can be allowed for physical education, however.

Under this system a "solid" will be any subject taken five days a week and five "solids" including physical education will give a pupil 50 semester periods a year. In order to graduate a student must have a total of 200 semester periods, 40 of which must be physical education. Some students may earn as high as 240 semester periods in the four years, the maximum being 240 and the minimum 200.

Students who enter this fall with 140 or more semester periods will be classed as seniors, those with between 90 and 140 as juniors, those with between 40 and 90 as sophomores, and those with less than 40 as freshmen.

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The National Parks in California, Yosemite, Sequoia, General Grant and Mt. Lassen have received record crowds.

Joe Schobe and Jimmy Cooper, both members of the Palm Springs Lions Club, attended the Tuesday evening meeting of the Banning Lions Club at the Hotel Banning. Mr. Schobe is the president of the Palm Springs organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brott of the Village Pharmacy were here yesterday to look after business matters.

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